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REMARKS

The status of the claims in the application is as follows:

Claims / Section	35 U.S.C. Sec.	References / Notes
7, 8, 28 and 30		Allowed
1, 2, 5, 6, 9-11, 15- 17, 23, 28, 39 & 31-36	§103(a) Obviousness	 Hagström, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,434); and Admitted Prior Art (APA).
12-14	§103(a) Obviousness	 Hagström, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,434); and Burgess (U.S. Patent No. 6,459,9885).
18	§103(a) Obviousness	 Hagström, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,434); and Waldroup, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,070,058).
19	§103(a) Obviousness	 Hagström, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,434); and Kurchuk, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,327).

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 7, 8, 28 and 30. Accordingly, Applicant has amended and cancelled various claims so that only subject matter considered allowable by the Examiner is present in all pending claims.

Namely, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 6, 9-11, 14, and 31-36.

Furthermore, Applicant has amended the following claims to depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 7: 2, 5, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23 and 29.

All of the pending claims, by virtue of these amendments, now contain allowable subject matter. Inasmuch as each of the rejections have been overcome

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been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that this application be passed to issue.

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